

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Jan Kellogg & Karen McKenzie (WED), Karla Woodson (FRI)

Our Lent series, *Stories from Holy Week*, follows extended sections from Matthew 26-27, concluding with Matthew 28 on Easter. We'll trace stories of Jesus and the disciples: their last meal together, the arrest, trial, execution and resurrection, observing how God empowers Jesus to remain steadfast before the powers of his day. Worship Committee suggests a Lenten discipline of reading and pondering the upcoming Scriptures each week in preparation for our worship together. Next week's passage is Matthew 26:57-68; 27:1-2, 11-14.

**The FMC Martyrs Softball Team is recruiting!** The season will start Monday, April 20th, and continue every Monday evening until about mid-July at Dodd's Park at Parkland. Doug and Courtney are managing the team again this year, so please let one of them know if you want to play! Anyone 16+ can play. No softball talent needed! An official sign-up and release will be available soon.

**Sunday, March 22 – Submissions are due for the April/May edition of The Vine, our FMC newsletter.** Please email submissions to: [fmcvine@gmail.com](mailto:fmcvine@gmail.com).

**As a precaution to prevent the spread of Caronavirus, the Property & Finance Committee suggests the following commonsense practices at FMC and elsewhere:** touch door knobs and handrails as little as possible, avoid touching your face (T-zone), wash hands thoroughly when using the restroom, greet one another without shaking hands and use hand sanitizer as needed. At FMC, bottles of hand sanitizer are on the table by the back entrance and greeter stand, on the office work counter, and downstairs on the coffee table and children's snack table.

**Sunday, March 22, 5:30 pm at Sinai Temple – Interfaith Freedom Seder.** Details are on the insert. Flyers are also available on the information table near the office and on the coffee table downstairs.

**Monday, March 23, 7 pm at Mennonite Church of Normal (805 Cottage Ave, Normal, IL) - Come hear the Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) Concert Choir.** This concert is part of the choir's annual spring break tour. Under the direction of Dr. William Eash, the 50-person mixed voice choir sings a variety of sacred choral music from the 15th century to today. The concert is free and open to the public; a freewill offering will be taken.

**April 17 – 19 at Camp Friedenswald (Cassopolis, MI) – “Climate and Community” retreat.** This NEW retreat is meant to provide inspiration and renewal for creation care and sustainability advocates of all ages. Church green teams, pastors, individuals, youth groups and families are all welcome! There will be childcare for children ages 0 – 12 years during the adult/teen-oriented sessions. Pastor Michael is speaking and leading a workshop at the retreat. For more information and to register, visit: [www.friedenswald.org](http://www.friedenswald.org).

**To our FMC Family - We appreciate all the support & the beautiful flowers for Lucas' memorial celebration.**  
Much love & gratitude. – *The Matthews Family*.

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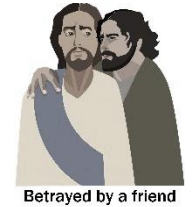
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## Celebration of Worship

March 8, 2020

*Lent 2: Stories from Holy Week*



**Centering chimes**

**Lighting of the solidarity lamp** – Symbolic of our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.

**Prelude**

**\*Hymnal #7**

“Here, O Lord, your servants gather”

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Call to worship**

Leader: O God, since speaking Creation into being,

**Congregation: you have spoken openly to the world.**

Leader: You teach your people wherever they come together.

**Congregation: You are present among them**

Leader: You speak aloud rightly to all who would hear,

**Congregation: You use the testimony of those who hear what you say.**

Leader: Sometimes, we are able to testify to your love and your works.

**Congregation: Other times, we are not even sure we know you.**

Leader: At times, belonging to you is a joyful affirmation.

**Congregation: Other times, belonging to you brings fear and danger.**

Leader: We doubt our ability to stand with you when danger arises,

**Congregation: We are immobilized by our fear.**

Leader: But your faithfulness and love do not depend on our courage.

**Congregation: You proclaim them always.**

Leader: When our commitment is in doubt, your commitment is sure.

**Congregation: When we deny your claim on us, you claim us still.**

Leader: Hear our cries of fear and doubt.

**Congregation: Deliver us from bondage to our fear.**

Leader: Loving us still, you make us heirs of the covenant with Christ.

**ALL: You are faithful still.**

**\*Purple songbook #40**

“Som’landela (We will follow)”

**\*Purple songbook #85**

“Lay down your head”

**Confession & assurance** *(insert)*

**Children's story and offering** *(please pass the welcome pads)*

Congregation sings as children come forward (purple songbook #47)

**Scripture: Matthew 26:31-56** *(page 907)*

**Drama**

**Sermon**

*Near to Jesus*

**\*Black binder #20**

"Stay with me, the night has come"

**Offering** *(prayer cards collected)*

**Offertory & prayer**

**Congregational sharing & prayer**

**Introduction of guests**

**Work of the church**

**\*Hymnal #242**

"Stay with me"

**\*Benediction**

*\*Stand if you are able*



We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God's love and grace. You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status, political affiliation, physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing assisted devices are available from the greeters. T-coil and standard over-ear devices are available.

Childcare for children birth - preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.

**Thanks to our worship  
and  
welcome teams today**

**Next Sunday, March 15 (Lent 3)**

Scripture:

Matthew 26:57-68; 27:1-2, 11-14

**Worship leader** – Chuck Gibson

**Song leader** – Matt Yoder

**Pianist** – Pastor Deb

**Cellist** – John Trimmer

**Children's story** – Tammie Bouseman

**Scripture** – Lesley Deem

**Drama** – Doug Malcolm

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael

**Greeters** – Kate Falk & Rhonda Gibson

**Sound system** – Randy Nelson

**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken

**Stewards** – Karen McKenzie & Greg Sancken

**Worship nursery** – Marcia Nelson & Caden Green

**Refreshments** – Bruce Miller & Ruth Stoltzfus

**Worship leader** – Martha Moore

**Song leader** – Bev Birkey Potts

**Pianist** – Ruth Stoltzfus

**Children's story** – Courtney Malcolm

**Scripture** – Amber Anderson

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb

**Greeters** – Kate Falk & Chuck Gibson

**Sound system** – Randy Nelson

**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken

**Stewards** – Karen McKenzie & Greg Sancken

**Worship nursery** – David Horst-Lehman & Liesl Schrag

**Refreshments** – Janet Liechty & Phil Martens

Join us after worship...

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:45 am**

You are welcome to stay for refreshments and conversation downstairs after the service. A snack is available for children.



**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES – 11:15 am**

*All are welcome to attend any Sunday.*

**Quarterly Adult Class** *(March - May)*

Sanctuary – Justice & the Prophets Bible study  
Room #3 downstairs – A Hidden Wholeness by Parker Palmer (book study)

**NEW**

**Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups** *(year-round)*

**Coffee & Conversation** – Room 5 (downstairs)

**Young Adults** - 11-11:15 am in Room 13

(downstairs), then join quarterly adult class

**Knit and Nurture** – Nursery (downstairs)

**Children & Youth Classes** *(downstairs)*

**2-4 yrs.** – Room 6

**Grade K-5** – Room 10/11

**Grades 6-12** – Room 7

*(Nursery care provided for children birth to age 2)*

**THIS WEEK at FMC**

*For a full listing of events, visit our website at [www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org).*

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 2)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages

<b>TUE</b>	6:00 PM	FMC Council
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<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study Pastor Peer mtg in Bloomington <i>(all morning)</i>

**Pastor Michael is out of office  
Thursday March 12 – Friday March 20**

**UPCOMING**

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 3)
<b>15</b>	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages

<b>TUE</b>	4:30 PM	Worship Committee
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<b>WED</b>		FMC office closed for cleaning and reorganization
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<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
<b>19</b>	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	10:30 AM	Sister Church Committee

<b>FRI</b>	3:00 PM	IL Mennonite Relief Sale begins in Bloomington, IL
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<b>SAT</b>	6:30 AM	IL Mennonite Relief Sale continues until 2 pm in Bloomington, IL
<b>21</b>	11:00 AM	Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte.

<b>SUN</b>	5:30 PM	Interfaith Freedom Seder at Sinai Temple (see insert for details)
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Our NEW spring/summer children's offering benefits Randolph Street Community Garden, a project coordinated through Champaign Church of the Brethren, one of our Fifth Sunday partners. The garden enables residents of the North End to grow their own organic produce, educates youth about the benefits of gardening, and responds to neighborhood food insecurity while serving as a community gathering space.